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SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR FY78 IV GRANT - MR JOSEPH YAM

1. HONG KONG NOMINATES MR JOSEPH YAM FOR FY78 IV GRANT. YAM IS SENIOR ECONOMIST, ECONOMIC SERVICES BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 05 DEC 2014], CANTON CHINA. UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, 1967-70, RECEIVED BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREE. INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES, THE HAGUE, 1973-74, RECEIVED DIPLOMA IN STATISTICS AND NATIONAL ACCOUNTING. UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, SUMMER 1974, SUMMER PROGRAM ON SURVEY SAMPLING. ASIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE, TOKYO, SPRING 1976, ADVANCED COURSE ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTING STATISTICS. WAS DEMONSTRATOR, ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG 1970-71; AND STATISTICIAN, CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 1971-76. TRAVELLED AS TOURIST TO TAIWAN, PHILIPPINES, EUROPE AND CANADA DURING 1972-77. SEVERAL OFFICIAL TRIPS TO SINGAPORE, UK AND NEW ZEALAND DURING 1973-77. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH EXCELLENT. MARRIED, ONE DAUGHTER. NAME CHECK CLEARED. PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS ARE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS, FINANCE, MACRO ECONOMICS, ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING.

2. YAM IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY HONG KONG ECONOMIC SECRETARY, WHO DESCRIBES HIM AS "VERY BRIGHT, SHARP, AND WITH CHARACTER," AND INTENDS TO PROMOTE YAM TO PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN SUMMER 1980. IN THIS POSITION YAM WOULD BE PRINCIPAL DRAFTER OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET, AND LEADER OF ONLY REAL ECONOMIC "THINK TANK"

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IN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

3. YAM MOST SUITABLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND FINANCE, APRIL 10 TO MAY 9, BUT UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO U S THAT TIME SINCE SECOND CHILD EXPECTED AROUND APRIL 11. PROGRAM INTERESTS PARALLEL CLOSELY AREAS TO BE COVERED THAT PROJECT. MORE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WILL FOLLOW.

4. YAM PREFERS TO TRAVEL IN JULY OR AUGUST.

5. WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PAYING FOR
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION BUT THREE MONTHS NOTICE
NEEDED. REQUEST ACCEPTANCE THIS NOMINATION SOONEST.
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